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***For Immediate Release***

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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 14, 2005, **JOHN PAUL BEATTY**, age 38, of Florissant, Missouri, was sentenced in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **BEATTY** had previously pled guilty on November 22, 2004 to a one-count indictment charging him with "Traveling in Interstate Commerce to Engage in an Illegal Sexual Act." **BEATTY** was sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment. He has been continuously confined since his arrest in Waterloo, Illinois on April 30, 2004.

According to the criminal complaint filed against **BEATTY**, he had engaged in lengthy internet conversations with a person whom he believed to be a 14-year-old girl residing in Waterloo. In point of fact, **BEATTY** was actually exchanging messages with an undercover Waterloo police officer.

On April 30, 2004, **BEATTY** traveled from his home in Florissant to a restaurant in Waterloo to meet the supposed 14-year-old. According to the complaint, **BEATTY** showed up in Waterloo, as scheduled, dressed as a woman. He was then arrested by FBI agents and Waterloo police officers, and he admitted that he had intended to have sexual intercourse with the person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl.

The investigation was conducted by FBI agents assigned to the Fairview Heights field office, and by Waterloo, Illinois police officers.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.